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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved 9/17/18)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on July 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ron Castaldo, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Joseph Rubacky, DO; Katie O'Brian, CNM

ABSENT: Leena Paul, MD; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Mary Diamond, DO

GUESTS: None

PRESIDING: Ron Castaldo, CRNA

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. The agenda was amended to add 4.1.7 Nadine Fiske, Adult NP with a motion by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 21, 2018 were reviewed. Dr. Rubacky made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for independent practice:

Mary Evans Greene, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Austin, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice contingent upon verification of the collaborating physician's specialty area. The motion passed unanimously.

Emelda Njei, Psych/Mental Health NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Vodvarka, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to table the decision for independent practice until clarification of the timeframe for collaborative practice with Dr. Hockstein as well as complete data on his area of specialty/physician license number, and/or receipt of the verification form from Dr. Savul. The motion passed unanimously.

Joy P. Magee, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Brandi Gregge, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. With Dr. Rubacky abstaining, the motion passed by majority vote.

Nadine Fiske, Adult NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice pending clarification of practice hours occurring within the past five years. The motion passed unanimously.

Application for Ratification:

Gail Lewis, Psych Mental Health CNS

Earlier this year Ms. Lewis applied for independent practice with her original APRN license application, however she not placed on the APRN committee agenda for previous meetings. Her application was reviewed by Dr. Williams and she met all requirements for independent practice which was granted prior to this meeting. Dr. Williams made a motion to ratify independent practice, seconded by Dr. Rubacky. The motion passed unanimously.

APRN Communication- CARA Act and CSR Update:

Dr. Castaldo informed members that AANA is exploring options regarding nurse anesthetists' ability to treat opioid addictions and/or pain management, and they are examining educational pathways in these practice areas. Members discussed the need for communication of important topics such as this as well as changes in prescribing of controlled substances. An APRN newsletter via email blast or posted on the BON website, as well as an article in the DNA Reporter were suggested. This topic will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

APRN Report to the General Assembly:

Dr. Zickafoose read the language from the APRN bill requiring the Boards of Medical Licensure and Discipline (BMLD) and Nursing to provide a report to the Division of Research and the General Assembly regarding the effectiveness of §163 1932 (f)(4) b. Dr. Williams asked whether the requirements are too cumbersome, especially for APRNs who graduated after July 1, 2015 as she heard some nurses are not eligible to apply for independent practice. Dr. Rubacky commented he did not find the benchmarks and metrics too onerous and most are practicing collaboratively already. Members suggested a subcommittee with representation from both boards to develop the report. Dr. Zickafoose will speak with the Executive Director of the BMLD. A few topics were mentioned for

inclusion in the report.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only): None

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING : September 17, 2018 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing